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The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd  
Chief Clerk and Administrator  
The Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100  
Columbia, SC 29210

Docket title: Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC for Approval of Proposed Electric Transportation Pilot and An Accounting Order to Defer Capital and Operating Expenses  
Docket numbers: 2018-322-E and 2018-321-E

Dear Ms. Boyd,

On behalf of the Greenville Transit Authority (GTA), I am writing to support Duke Energy's proposed pilot program to expand electric vehicle charging options across South Carolina.

In late 2017, GTA was awarded funds from the Federal Transit Administration to purchase two electric Proterra buses, which are manufactured here in Greenville and are scheduled to arrive early 2019. Additionally, depending on available funds, we are considering expanding the order to include two additional buses. We expect that adding four electric buses to the public transit fleet in Greenville will reduce the fuel and maintenance costs we incur. Simultaneously, by replacing older diesel buses with the new electric buses, we hope to establish more reliable service for our customers by getting older vehicles off the road as 30% of our fleet is past its useful life.

A potential partnership with Duke Energy to support the purchase and installation of EV transit bus charging stations would help GTA financially pursue the expansion of our electric fleet.

As both GTA and our neighboring transit agency, Clemson Area Transit (CATbus), continue to diversify our fuel type, a network of charging stations will be indispensable to establish any regional connections in the future.

We thank you in advance for your consideration and hope you look favorably on Duke Energy's request to pilot this charging station program. If you have any questions, please contact me at 864-298-2750.

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Director of Public Transportation

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